AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. 4. (Cancelled).

a pickup which reads information including recording medium identifier information, a first content, and a second content recorded on the recording medium, wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information;

a reproducing signal processing circuit which reproduces the information read by the pickup;

a memory which stores a plurality of recording medium identifier information sets which have never been processed by the reproducing signal processing circuit; and

a controller which controls the reproducing apparatus;

wherein the recording medium identifier information includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

wherein the controller permits reproduction of the second content when the recording medium identifier information stored in the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement;

wherein the first content can be reproduced whether or not the recording medium identifier information satisfies the predetermined requirement, and

wherein said-the predetermined requirement includes a number of said-the recording medium identify identifier information sets, stored in said-the memory, that ! are required to reproduce said-the second content.

6, - 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Previously Presented)

The A reproducing method according to elaim 7, for reproducing information which includes recording medium identifier information, a first content, and a second content recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reproducing recording medium identifier information that includes an ID unique to the recording medium;

storing plurality of recording medium identifier information sets which have never been processed:

reproducing the second content whether or not the recording medium identifier information satisfies the predetermined requirement;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information, and

wherein said-the predetermined requirement includes a number of said-the recording medium identification-identifier information sets, stored in the memory, that are required to reproduce said-the second contents.

11. - 12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) The reproducing method according to claim 12, A program for controlling a reproducing apparatus that reproduces information which includes recording identifier information, a first content, and a second content recorded on a recording medium, comprising the steps of:

reading out the recording medium identifier information stored in a memory of the reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identifier information read out from the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement; wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information;

wherein the recording medium identifier information includes an ID unique to the recording medium, and

wherein the predetermined requirement includes a number of said-the recording medium identification-identifier information sets, read out from said-the memory, that are required to reproduce said-the second contents.

- 14. (Cancelled)
- 15. (Currently Amended) An A recording apparatus for reproducing information stored on a recording medium, said-the information comprising: recording medium identify identifier information for identifying the recording medium;
 - a first content;
 - a second content;

wherein both the first content and the second content are audio visual information, and wherein the recording medium identify identifier information includes an ID unique to the recording medium; and

a program which controls a-the reproducing apparatus to execute the steps of:

reading out the recording medium identify identifier information stored in the reproducing apparatus; and

reproducing the second content when the recording medium identify identifier information read out from the memory satisfies a predetermined requirement.

wherein the predetermined requirement includes a number of the recording medium identifier information sets, read out from the memory, that are required to reproduce the second content.

- 16. (New) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the memory is detachable.
- 17. (New) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the recording medium.
- 18. (New) The reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the controller can obtain information from an external device via a network and a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the external device via the network.
- 19. (New) The reproducing method according to claim 19, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from the recording medium.

20. (New) The reproducing method according to claim 10, wherein a program required for the decision processing is obtained from an external device via a network.